

Baby's first foods



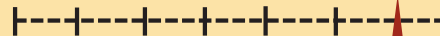
Baby's Iron Stores



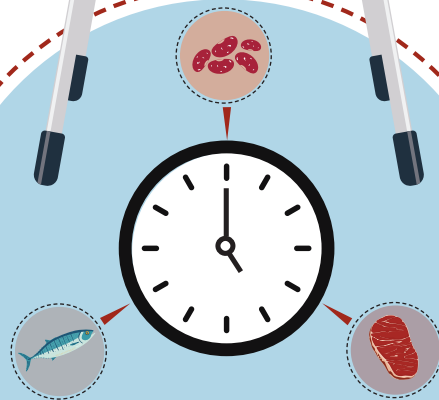
Newborn



6 months



At 6 months, baby's iron stores run **low** and they need to get iron from food. **Baby needs iron for optimal brain development and growth.**

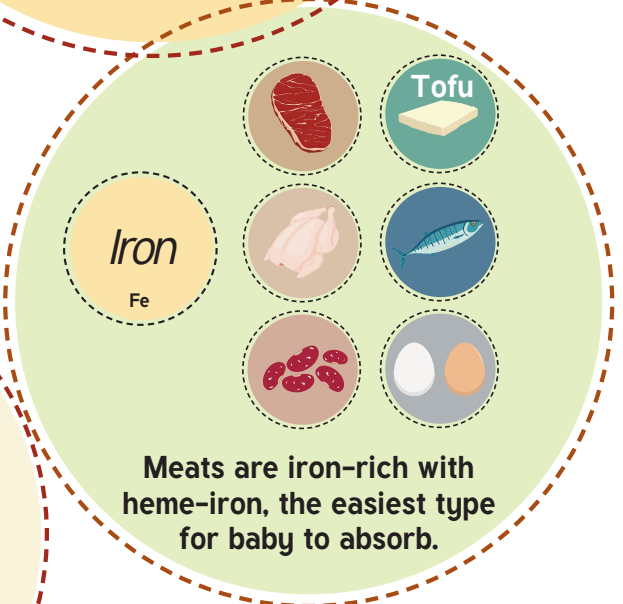


Baby needs a variety of **iron-rich foods**. Serve them **2 or more times** per day.



To make iron-rich food for baby, **modify the texture** of the iron-rich foods you eat.

6 months
 blend ↓ Smooth
 finely chop ↓ Mince
 rough chop ↓ Bite-Size Pieces
9 months +



Meats are iron-rich with heme-iron, the easiest type for baby to absorb.

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 for tips and iron-rich meal ideas

Always follow the feeding advice given by your health care provider.

Reference: Nutrition for Healthy Term Infants: Recommendations from Six to 24 Months, Health Canada. A joint statement of Health Canada, Canadian Paediatric Society, Dietitians of Canada, and Breastfeeding Committee for Canada, Health Canada, 2012.